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CENTRAL FAX CENTER**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE** FEB 20 2004**OFFICIAL**

Applicant(s): Rabbani et al.
Serial No.: 08/978,636
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For: **NON-NATIVE POLYMERASE
ENCODING NUCLEIC ACID
CONSTRUCT**

Group Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: J. Schultz

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February 20, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL AND PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER
37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application
in response to the Office Action mailed **January 12, 2004**.

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action
dated **January 12, 2004** be extended for a period of

☐ 1 month at a fee of ☐ \$110 for a large entity or ☒ \$55 for a small entity

☐ 2 months at a fee of ☐ \$210 for a large entity or ☐ \$420 for a small

entity

☐ 3 months at a fee of ☐ \$950 for a large entity or ☒ \$475 for a small
entity from **February 12, 2004** to **March 12, 2004** The required fee for the
extension is estimated to be **\$55**.

No additional claims fees are required.

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$55 to deposit
account number 05-1135. No other fee is believed due in connection with the

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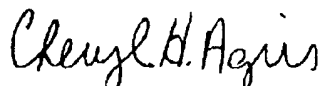
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extension request. If any other fee or fees are due, however, authorization hereby made to charge the amount of any other fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135 or to charge any overpayment thereto.

A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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